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The beauty and power of the Arctic is something of great value, for the uniqueness of the landscape, for the animals dependent on this habitat for survival and for people who need access to natural places free from human industry and development. It is incredibly short-sighted to continue to give opportunities to industries such as the oil industry without considering the impact this has on the environment, thus on every plant, fish, animal and human being that relies on the environment to survive. The Arctic should be permanently protected from irreparable damage due to industrial pollution and destruction.

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is one of the greatest truly wild places left on Earth. It's sanctuary to some of the most diverse and magnificent wildlife in Alaska -- polar bears, wolves, musk oxen and vast herds of caribou -- and the oil and gas industry should not be allowed to trample its amazing landscapes and foul its pristine air and water.

The environmental impacts from all stages of oil and gas development, including seismic activities, leasing, exploration drilling and development must be fully considered. I urge the Department of the Interior to uphold all protections for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Sincerely,

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